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## A Morning Motto.

A CHEERFUL temper, joined with innocence, will make beauty attractive, knowledge delightful and wit goodnatured. It will lighten sickness, poverty and affliction; convert ignorance into an amiable simplicity, and render deformity itself agreeable.—Addison.

## Romance Shattered.

MRS. PETER BARBERS, who until ten days ago was Miss Esther Wells, of Detroit, Mich., has gone home to her parents, her dream of a romantic future in a pretty bungalow home shattered.

Using his sister for amanuensis, Barbers wooed Miss Wells by the correspondence route, painting glowing pictures of his love and the pretty bungalow home in which they would live.

Ten days ago the girl reached Grand Junction, Colo., from Detroit and met her intended. Until then the Greek nationality of her correspondence lover was unknown to her, but she became his bride. Following the wedding Barbers took his bride to his box-car home on the railroad siding, and resumed his labor as a section hand. After living ten days in the box car, the girl rebelled, and when her parents learned the truth they sent for her to come home.

## A Self-Evident Proposition.

THE ENTRANCE of the United States into any league or alliance with European powers to enforce peace in Europe will inevitably be attended by the entrance of European powers into the regulation of the affairs of the Monroe Doctrine countries: Mexico for example.

This proposition is as self-evident as the fact that an honest coin which has heads on one side must have tails on the other.

It is hoped that Secretary Lansing is accurately reported when it is said that he admits that such an alliance or league can be effected only through treaties requiring ratification by the American Senate.

Before tossing the coin the people of the United States and the Senate of the United States are likely to scrutinize both faces of the coin.

## Where Will They Sit?

WILL SOME of the members of the house of delegates of the next session of the legislature have to sit in the aisles, or lean against the railing in the rear of the chamber? Just how the eight additional members of the house are to find desk room in the already crowded room is a question which will have to be solved by the janitor's force when it begins the work of preparing the legislative halls for the assembling of the solons January 10.

The membership of the last house of delegates was eighty-six and about all the desk room was taken to accommodate them. The new house will have a membership of ninety-four. The counties having the extra representation are Kanawha, Cabell, Fayette, Mercer, Raleigh and Randolph, one each; and Harrison and McDowell two additional each. In the reappointment Ritchie and Tyler counties each lost one member in the house of delegates.

## Moonshining.

REVENUE officers in West Virginia are learning that all the moonshining is not done in the fastness of the mountains; a great deal of it has been accomplished figuratively under their very noses. An instance was brought to light the other day in Fairmont, when the officers in raiding a place of bad repute in the Italian colony, found a well-arranged still and a large quantity of the ingredients necessary to making corn whiskey.

The Italians were not disposed to tell all they know about the unlawful industry and the officers are having difficulty in bringing about a conviction of the owner of the still and other paraphernalia. The product of that still was admittedly better as a beverage than most of the whiskey sold by the unlawful dealers in that neighborhood, although Fairmont is not very far from the Pennsylvania border, and the bootleggers who supply a more exacting trade, deal in better brands than the Italians do.

## The Case of Villa.

VILLA is reported to have proposed a re-establishment of some sort of relations with the United States that will recognize, at least his status as a belligerent. He looks increasingly like a real and permanent factor in the northern Mexican situation. He is gaining strength while Carranza is losing it. In view of the fact that the American government has committed itself to the theory that he is outside the pale of civilized warfare, his rehabilitation presents peculiarly difficult problems.

He is doubtless not materially changed since the period when out government looked to him as the best hope for establishment of order in Mexico. Precisely why there was so sharp and sudden a change of front on our part has never been very apparent. He has insisted that Washington betrayed him; a view that will not profoundly change the opinion that if he represents the greatest hope for Mexico, then indeed Mexico is in a bad way. But, however bad he may be, if he establishes himself as the dominant figure in Mexico, he will put up to this country a new problem in relation with that country, and a difficult one.

## The Stage Profession.

MEMBERS of the theatrical profession are not generally understood. A great many of them move in a little world of their own, but they are both human and humane, is the observation of the outsiders who are privileged with the pleasures of occasionally getting inside the inner circles of the profession.

But few actors and actresses are selfish. Some—if not a great many of them—are vain and nearly all enjoy praise. They are always willing to help the fellow who is down and out, and are quick to overlook the frailties of human nature. Just now the profession is giving serious thought to a question that has been given consideration by some of the greatest minds.

But few actors ever become criminals, so it is not because of hope for personal protection, that they give consideration to court procedure. However, nearly every actor or actress will talk interestingly of a phase of prosecution in American courts which they do not approve. They are all desirous of seeing some remedy for the condition which makes innocent victims of circumstantial evidence suffer. They all believe that if a person be arrested and proved to be the victim of circumstantial evidence, he should receive some kind of remuneration for the time he has lost and the money he has spent.

## Little Salmon from Alaska.

"THE UNITED STATES has had very little of the salmon pack of Alaska during the last year," remarked James Marshall, of Juneau, in a recent interview given out in Washington. "It has been one of the big seasons in the salmon packing business, but the larger part of the catch has gone to Canada and been re-

shipped to Europe. The packers and exporters of British Columbia made contracts last year for great quantities of Alaskan salmon, and when these contracts were filled there was comparatively little left for shipment to the states. At this stage it is almost impossible to purchase Alaska salmon in the big centers of population.

"Most persons in the East do not realize what a remarkable industry the fish-packing business is in Alaska. This year there is only one product that will exceed in value the fish catch of Alaska, and that is copper. The fisheries produce greater wealth than the mines, yet they have never been given the consideration nationally that they should have. Prohibition is going to help Alaska very materially, particularly in the fisheries industry. It has been almost impossible to keep the fishermen under control, but, without the temptation to drink it will be easy.

"There is one thing, however, that apparently has been lost sight of down here in Washington. The fishermen of Alaska are not taking all the fish out of the water. There are plenty left, and there will continue to be plenty. The European war has prevented the importation of tinplate, and this in turn has kept the number of packers down to a proper basis. If it were not for this, Alaska would be overrun with packing houses."

## "Reform" Spelling Gains.

IT ISN'T SAFE for a humorist to poke fun at simplified spelling any more, says Dr. A. Gideon, newspaper representative of the simplified spelling board.

Simplified spelling, says Dr. Gideon, is now used by more than 400 papers in thirty-five states and by 292 universities, colleges and normal schools. The Michigan Agricultural College, the School of Mines, the State Normal College, Adrain, Alma, Hillsdale and Hope Colleges have adopted it.

These have adopted the twelve words which are the first step of the movement. These are: Tho for though, altho for although, thru for through, thruout for throughout, thoro for thorough, thoro fare for thoroughfare, thoro ly for thoroughly, catalog for catalogue, decalog for decalogue, pedagog for pedagogue, program for programme, prolog for prologue.

The National Education Association, the chief organ through which this so-called spelling reform is being pushed, in 1898 adopted these twelve words, but in the 1916 convention took the second step, which consists of using the letter t for ed where it will not change the pronunciation, and s for ed where the same conditions. Thus dropped is spelled dropt, pronounced is spelled pronounst, but hoped is not spelled hopt, and deduced is not spelled dedust.

The twelve words have been adopted by seventeen state teachers' organizations, including the Michigan association.

Publishers of small country papers: Dr. Gideon says, hesitate to adopt the reform because Theodore Roosevelt was one of the first to espouse the cause of simplified spelling.

"That's that Roosevelt spelling," the editors say. "I can't use it. I'm a Democrat."

## New Law Proposed.

THE PRINCIPAL features of the model vital statistics law which will be sponsored by the state department of health and introduced for the consideration of the legislature in January, are embodied in the following provisions:

The state department of health shall have charge of the registration of births and deaths and be charged with its proper enforcement.

The secretary of the state health council is made ex-officio state registrar of births and deaths, an office created by the act.

For the purposes of administering the law, the state is to be divided into registration districts as follows: "Each city, each incorporated town, and each magisterial district, shall constitute a registration district; provided that the state health council may combine two or more registration districts, or divide one, when necessary to facilitate registration.

Within ninety days from the time the law becomes effective the state health council shall appoint a local registrar of vital statistics for each registration district in the state for a term of four years.

Every physician, midwife and undertaker residing or practicing in a given district shall file his or her name and address with the district registrar.

Each local registrar shall be paid the sum of twenty-five cents for each birth certificate and each death certificate properly and completely made out and sent into the state registrar, this compensation to be paid by the county treasurer of the county in which he resides upon an annual certified statement by the state registrar of what is due him.

Provision is made for the prosecution and punishment of violators of the law.

## Labor Review.

AT THE threshold of a new year it is well to pause for a moment and let our memory wander back to review the labor conditions of 1916, as well as the general business movement in all lines. During the last year industries were rushed to their fullest capacity, they were demanding more help than was readily obtainable, and employment agencies throughout the country were unable to fill the calls made upon them. The wages of skilled and unskilled workmen were increased, but notwithstanding this advance good help was in constant demand.

Contrary to conditions of former years, during 1916 large employers were frequently compelled to hire agents to go out and search for help so that their plants might be kept in full operation, and the scarcity of good common laborers was felt in almost every section.

It may be stated at this point that the United States government employment service, which was established in 1915, has been of great value to employers in that it acts as a clearing house, through which those desiring help file their applications with a zone headquarters, of which there are twenty with twenty-six sub-branches throughout the United States, and an effort is immediately made by the government to direct the desired help, if available in that zone, or from other zones, to places where the employment may be had, and this service is rendered free, as the government does not exact or accept a fee from either employer or employee.

Although the winter season has set in, a time when there is generally a let-up in activities in certain industrial establishments, zone No. 3, comprising the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware and West Virginia, with the main office at Nos. 132-134-136 South Third street, Philadelphia, Pa., and sub-branches in the Old Federal building, Wilmington, Del., and Berger building, Pittsburgh, Pa., has on file calls for laborers, skilled mechanics, miners, factory hands, domestics, etc., and any one out of employment and desiring to register for a position can do so at either of the above offices.

## For the Women.

NO DISCUSSION of that class of problems peculiar to rural communities would be complete were not considerable attention given to those phases of rural life affecting the women on the farms. The authorities in charge of Farmers' week to be held at Morgantown on January 1 to 6 fully realize this fact and have given a great deal of time and thought to providing something of real interest and value for the women who attend.

Besides the numerous lectures, exhibits, demonstrations, contests, and other things of value to farm women special provision has been made looking after their interest. Among the particularly good things offered will be the following:

"How Farm Women's Clubs May be a Part of the Activities of the Community" by Mary E. Creswell of the United States Department of Agriculture; "How to Make Good Butter," by W. A. Rhea, of the West Virginia University; "Different Ways of Serving a Quart of Milk," by Mary H. Peacock, of Columbia University; "Home Work Made Easier," by Mary E. Creswell; "How to Arrange Exhibits," by Marion H. Hepworth, of the West Virginia University; "Serving West Virginia's Most Famous Fruits," by Mary H. Peacock; "How to Ornament the Home in Which We Live," by Mary B. Oliver of the West Virginia University; "Unusual Chicken Dishes," by Mary H. Peacock; "Relation of Home

Economics to the Business of Home Keeping," by Rachel H. Colwell of West Virginia University; "Utilization of Girls' Club Products," by Mary H. Peacock; "Some Phases of the Development of Girls' Club Work," by Sadie R. Guseman of the West Virginia University; "How Women's Clubs Can Help Girls' Club Work," by Mrs. S. F. Romine; "Attractive Ways of Serving Pork" and "Attractive Ways of Serving Corn Meal," by Mary H. Peacock.

Farmers' week comprises the first week of a nine weeks' course designed especially for rural women and girls' club leaders. Such subjects as cooking, sewing, home sanitation and home and decoration will be given special attention. It is expected that quite a number of rural women will avail themselves of this excellent opportunity to get in close touch with advanced thought along home economic lines by attending Farmers' week.

# THE TIGER'S CLAW

An Adventure of

## Grant, Police Reporter

By Robert Welles Ritchie

Story by Redfield Inalls

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"WELL, what is on your mind this morning?" Mansfield, city editor of the Chronicle, as Tommy Grant, paused beside his desk.

The young police reporter looked thoughtful. "We raided Big Moe Myers' stuns game yesterday," he said slowly, "thanks to a tip from Benny."

Grant nodded and hurried over to the police court, where Myers had evidently pulled strings, for his case was the first to be called. He was a big, surly, flashily dressed man, and he still bore evidence of several strenuous minutes during the raid of the day before. Benny, too, was there, herded for appearance's sake among the others taking in the raid.

Without giving the slightest sign of recognition Benny the Rat caught Grant's sleeve as he passed. "Hey, Jack," he asked, "is dat clock right?"

While the reporter was glancing at his watch Benny exhibited from the corner of his mouth: "Moe's wife 't me. He's got 'ta creak me sure!"

"Yes," said Grant coldly. "The clock is right. You ought to stay home out of trouble, young fellow. Can't bother with you. I've got to keep my eye on Mr. Myers. Which the stoopiegon translated roughly as a warning to remain under cover while the reporter looked after his enemy. In his own way Benny the Rat stood for law and order, and Grant would do his best to protect him."

A couple of men, who looked like politicians, hustled in, and Big Moe's ball was quickly arranged. The gambler hurried out, giving Benny a venomous glance as he went, whereas the stoopiegon turned a pasty white, and Grant followed him. He knew that the Rat would be released at "ball" furnished by a couple of detectives, also for appearance's sake. Then he set to work to "shadow" Myers.

It was no easy matter at first, for the gambler was cunning. But at last by dint of using store windows across the street as mirrors and pretending to light cigars and on long bells when Myers looked his way, he trailed him finally to a cheap restaurant.

There, making sure that he was unobserved, Tommy glanced in through a side window. Myers was sitting at a table in earnest confab with a somewhat loudly dressed young woman.

The reporter's lips formed a soundless whistle. "I know that girl," he muttered. "Now Benny's goose is cooked sure, unless he lets the thought unfinished and watched surreptitiously. Big Moe's remarks became more and more earnest and sinister, and finally the young woman moved out and across. Grant was looking apathetically at a display of haberdashery as she passed him, hurrying down the street.

The reporter returned to his window and saw Moe beckon with a sideways nod to a young tough sitting across the room. The latter conferred a moment and hurried out. Grant was in a quandary. He watched long enough to see the gambler served with a substantial lunch, then gave up the attempt to shadow him.

This time the trail led to a tenement building. The young man went in and returned presently with an innocent look and a brown paper bag, which he gave to a small boy playing on the sidewalk. For a moment Grant watched keenly, was baffled. Then he caught his breath and tingled all over. The trail was getting hot indeed!

Half an hour later, pale and somewhat shaken, Grant hurried into the city room of the Chronicle. "We've got Moe Myers for murder," he told Mansfield briefly. "You don't say! The stoopiegon, after all!"

"No," said Grant slowly, "she goes by the name of Nell Brady. Myers used her to bait a trap to catch Benny. But cats don't always catch. She used to be Benny's girl till Myers stole her—which is why Benny squealed. She jumped in front of Benny just in time. Women are queer. She must have loved the Rat after all!"

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the only real successful hotel of this type in the world and it is a coincidence that he should secure the lease. Associated with him will be Cope-land Townsend and together they have taken over three big New York hotels in the last year. Brown was an expert accountant with no knowledge of the hotel business when he took over the Martha Washington a few years ago. Since then his success has been phenomenal. He plans many changes in the hotel and it will compete for patronage in the heart of the city.

The news is out despite the efforts of a press agent to keep it a secret. In "Passion," one of the "Seven Deadly Sins," a movie play, the character of Zobeliski, a wrestler, is played by an actor named Harry Gripp.

Gus Nothing, the middleage, medium sized citizen who knows all about it has suggested a brand new arrangement for freeing the streets of New York from snow this winter. One of the beauties of the idea, which is equipped with endless charm—is that not only will the streets be spotless, drifless and goosless but the weak will be strengthened, the halt speeded up, the tired made industrious and the poor comfortable and the careless fastidious.

Outside of that the scheme is practically devoid of merit. The novel notation is that the tremendous task of snow removal be placed on social strata heretofore unknown in the slush world. He sees no reason for laying the burden of the difficult task upon the poor, who as a class dread shovelling, but suggests that citizens of all types gather in shovelling clubs and devote their evenings to the city's clean up.

There will be nothing to distinguish the shoveller after gold from the seeker for health and in this metro-

politan confusion all classes may meet on an equal footing and up to their knees in the problem at hand.

# SANCTUM VAUDEVILLE

"We can't all dwell on Easy Street." "No; but we can all live on the square."—Kansas City Journal.

"You said you'd go through fire and water for me." "Show me a combination of the two and I will."—Puck.

"That man's gone through twenty fortunes or more." "Great Scott! He doesn't look like a spendthrift."

"He isn't. He's an expert accountant."—Detroit Free Press.

"Are you in love with young Smith?" "In love! I despise him."

"But I saw him kiss you good-night." "Oh, I couldn't be rude."—Pelican.

Briggs—I came over on the largest steamship in the world. Griggs—How was it?

"Wonderful! If I hadn't been seasick all the way over I wouldn't have known that I was on the ocean at all."—Life.

Mrs. Crawford—Did your husband object to your going South for the season?

Mrs. Grabsap—Why, no, dear. He never seems to begrudge the expense of a trip unless I ask him to go along.—Judge.

"Did you ever know a woman to play whist without continually asking 'What's trump?'"

"Yes, one. She was deaf and dumb and couldn't ask with her fingers because they were holding the cards."—Boston Transcript.

Husband (after the theater)—Well how did it like the play?

Hia Wife—Very well, indeed. There was only one impossible thing in it. The second act takes place two years after the first, and the family still have the same servant.—New York Sun.

FIFTY-FIFTY ON GENDER AT MONTANA UNIVERSITY

MISSOULA, Mont., Dec. 30.—Exactly equal numbers of men and women are enrolled at the University of Montana this semester. There are 275 co-eds and 275 mere males.

GIRL RUNS ELEVATOR; BUYS AN AUTOMOBILE

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 30.—Miss Beryl Smithson, of Seattle, runs an elevator in an office building. Although still in her teens, she drives to work in an automobile bought with her savings from her elevator job.

# SKETCHES OF LITTLE OLD NEW YORK BY O. O. McINTYRE

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NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—It was the quiet hour along Park row. In one of the newspaper offices somebody over on the copy desk waved a piece of paper in the air and shouted "Hey! Peace has been proposed."

And there was a queer little hush in the room, and then everybody started toward the desk, like straws sucked into a whirlpool, wanting to get nearer the news. And a pale little reporter murmured under his breath with a sort of gasp: "Gee, just at Christmas time."

In the midst of all the scurrying excitement of getting out an extra there seemed to be a halo of joy on the gray, drizzly day. And one of the girl reporters cried, and there was a breathless, rapt sort of feeling such as there must have been on a Christmas eve all those ages ago when there was peace on earth.

And most of the grizzled old copy readers sucking at their pipes and cigars threw back their green shades and smiled. And most all wanted to cry and laugh and dance and shriek for joy.

They never realized before how that red thing over on the other side had got to them until there was a chance of ending it all. Then they went limp. Newspaper men are the most human folk in the world but they show it least in their actions.

The Park Avenue hotel, built by the late A. P. Stewart, has been leased by George C. Brown, owner of the Martha Washington. The Park Avenue is one of the finest structures in New York and is noted for its sunken gardens where the aristocrats flock if they remain in town for the summer.

Formerly the Park Avenue was intended originally for a hotel exclu-

**THERE'S A LESSON**

to be found in the lives of those who reached the top. It wasn't "LUCK"! They worked and saved to be ready for every advance in their career.

No one knows what tomorrow may bring.

The trouble is that many never think of tomorrow—live only for today. They fail to understand the value of small economies.

If a start would only be made by laying aside a small part of the income, the lesson of economy would soon be learned.

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